



Council staff were out on Saturday planting street trees in Rawson Rd, Woy Woy

Tribute to Ken Dixon in State Parliament

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has paid tribute to Mr Ken Dixon in State Parliament in a Community Recognition Statement.

Mr Dixon, a former Ettalong Bowling Club director, died on May 25.

"Ken was a great soul who did so much for our community," she said.

"His passing is a great loss for our community and beyond.

"I had the honour of knowing Ken. I will never forget his energy for anything and everything related to lifting others up.

"His passion for the betterment of future generations was infectious.

"He worked hard for different community organisations and

supported countless fundraising events, including Central Coast Kids in Need and the Stewart House Children's Charity.

"Being the remarkable person he was, Ken was involved in Dicko's Dogs Wednesday morning bowls at Ettalong that attracted over 100 bowlers every Wednesday.

"I give a special shout out to Ken's lovely wife, Ann, who always played a supporting role throughout his life.

Fellow club director Mr Kerry Watkins commented: "Ken's untiring fundraising efforts have certainly made a huge impact on many charities, youth and less fortunate people on the Coast."

SOURCE:
Media release,
Kerry Watkins, Ettalong
Bowling Club

Pilot \$150,000 tree-planting program for the Peninsula

A \$150,000 tree-planting program will be piloted on the Peninsula as part of the Central Coast Council's budget for the coming year adopted last Tuesday, June 24.

Full details of the council's adopted budget and strategic planning documents will not be available until tomorrow.

Announcing the allocation, mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said: "We have allocated \$150,000 to a tree planting pilot program on the Peninsula after receiving feedback from more than 320 community members."

He said: "It was gratifying to produce a budget with input from elected representatives for the first time in four years.

"These plans represent our community's voice following the return of councillors.

"Thank you to everyone who

participated in our Planning for the Future engagement sessions.

"We listened to what you had to say, and we've adapted our plans to include your feedback.

"We've added an additional \$20 million over three years for road renewals, plus a further \$800,000 to fix potholes."

A total of \$11.5 million would be spent on the road renewal program and \$1.4 million in road resealing in the coming year.

The Community Strategic Plan has been updated to show a commitment to Coastal Open Space System (COSS) and "all plans have been improved for readability".

The council adopted a capital works program totalling \$1.3 billion over four years, with \$320 million being planned for the next 12 months.

Projects included completing the Gosford library, developing a masterplan for Warnervale

business precinct, implementing the Warnervale Airport masterplan and finalising Coastal Management Programs.

While not part of the announcement, the budget documents show that more than twice this amount will be spent in its operational budget, for wages and non-specific operating expenses.

Last week's media release stated: "the adopted 10-year Community Strategic Plan, four-year Delivery Program, one-year Operational Plan, budget and resourcing strategies can be viewed by searching for 'Delivery Program and Operational Plan' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au".

However, it was confirmed on Friday that the documents will not in fact be available for viewing until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 1.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Jun 2025
Lawrie McKinna, Central
Coast Council
Photo: Mark Eillis

Shade trees group welcomes decision

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has welcomed the council announcement of a \$150,000 tree planting pilot program for the Peninsula.

Group member Ms Jen Wilder said that councillors had told the group that the decision was the result of "our advocacy and the strong participation of Peninsula residents" in the council's recent consultation about tree planting.

Ms Wilder said the group hoped

its experience would serve as a "pilot".

She said the group would like to see a part-time staffer employed to manage and implement the program.

"Training should be given to all staff carrying out the planting and tree maintenance," she said.

She said the money should be spent on advanced, healthy trees with a diversity of heights and species, and should cover installation costs and maintenance

costs including watering during the first six weeks.

She said education and engagement of the Peninsula community was needed, and people encouraged to water and maintain their own verge tree.

"We look forward to hearing more about this project and meeting with Council staff to discuss our ideas and suggestions."

SOURCE:
Media statement, 29 Jun 2025
Jen Wilder, GUST

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How well do we do this? How can we improve, given our limited resources?

Readers will have the opportunity to discuss this and put forward their ideas at a meeting at 1pm on Wednesday, July 16, in the Spike Milligan Room at Woy Woy Library.

A discussion paper is available for people who may be interested in thinking about some of the issues before attending the meeting.

For a copy, email editor@peninsula.news.

Mark Snell, 29 Jun 2025

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The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

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Peninsula News aims to be inclusive of as much of the Peninsula community as possible.

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To ensure that the newspaper serves its purpose, it must be readable and represent the interests and activities of the community in its content.

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Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

Peninsula News usually receives its information in three ways: It is sent to us by someone wanting to promote their activities; it is sent to us in response to our inquiries; or it comes from a newsletter or other document to which we have access.

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Probus celebrates 35 years

The Probus Club of Ettalong held its 35th year anniversary on Wednesday, June 18.

The anniversary was celebrated with a lunch at Harry's Restaurant at Ettalong Bowling Club, the venue for the club's inaugural meeting on June 20, 1990.

The lunch was attended by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, who presented a 35-Year Certificate to club president Ms Susanne Green.

"Because of their excellent support, the club has continued to hold its general meetings at Harry's Restaurant at 9:30am on the third Wednesday of the month," said club newsletter editor Mr Phil Third.

"There are currently 113 active members ranging in age from 66 to 93 years with some having been members for 23 years.

"Originally formed as a men's club, the club took the decision to formally accept women as full members in 2013.

"Joining on April 10, 2013, 16 who joined on are still current members of the club and two are non-active members.

"The membership is active with regular group outings each month for lunches, morning teas, walking, theatre, sunset sips plus trips to many parts of the state ranging from day outings to a six-day annual trip.

"There have been many special occasions over the years including the celebration of past president Mr Eric Tweedale's 100th birthday in May 2021.

"On his passing in 2023, Mr Tweedale was the oldest living Australian rugby union Wallaby, aged 102.

"Past president and secretary Mr Ken Lummis was recognised for 50 years of service to the community with an award in March 2023."

SOURCE:
 Media Release, 26 June, 2025
 Phil Third, Probus Club of Ettalong

Kim Cole is top fundraiser in Stars event

Ettalong entrant in the NSW Cancer Council's Stars of the Central Coast, Ms Kim Cole, has raised \$42,000 of a total of \$210,000 raised by the dancing event held at the Laycock St Theatre, Wyoming on Friday, June 13.

Ms Cole was one of 10 entrants and raised almost twice the amount of the next nearest competitor.

Of the money raised in Kim's campaign, \$10,700 came from the Big Morning Tea held by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water in May at Ettalong Diggers, where Ms Cole works as tourism and community manager.

Other donations came from Diggers, local businesses, as well as Ms Cole's family and friends.

Ms Cole said the dance training was hard, but the whole experience worthwhile.

She dedicated her fundraising and dancing efforts to her mother Helen who she lost to breast cancer 15 years ago.

SOURCE:
 Media release, 18 Jun 2025
 Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

Driest June follows wettest May

The Peninsula has had its driest June in 20 years, with just 10mm rainfall recorded for the month.

This follows the wettest May in 20 years, with a total of 360mm.

The average June rainfall is 144mm.

This June has been the driest month since December 2019, when just 3mm was recorded.

Despite this, the total rainfall so far this year is greater than average.

The cumulative rainfall total this year is 927.4mm, 11.5 per cent above the half year average of 832mm.

More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available online at <http://penne.ws/Rain>.



SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 27 Jun 2025
 Jim Morrison, Umina

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Bank wants to hear 'great ideas'

The Community Bank Ettalong Beach is wanting to hear of "great ideas to grow our community".

"From youth programs and sporting clubs to environmental initiatives and local events, we're here to back the people who make a difference," said board co-chair Mr Michael Tame.

"Whether you're part of a community group, charity, school, or local club, we want to hear from you.

"If your project could use a boost, our grants and sponsorships might be exactly what you need to

bring it to life.

"We've already proudly supported projects like enhancements to the Umina Skate Park Precinct, giving young people a safe and vibrant place to connect."

Mr Tame said other community-led initiatives which have been supported include beach clean-ups and local environmental projects and key projects at local schools.

"If you're passionate about making our region even better, we'd love to support your work."

SOURCE:

Social media, 20 Jun 2025
Community Bank Ettalong Beach



Gwen Payne celebrates 100th birthday

Ms Gwen Payne reached the milestone of 100 years on June 1.

Ms Payne retired to Umina 36 years ago and became involved in community activities including Meals on Wheels, the Umina Beach Bowling Club, the School for Seniors, the Crete Club and other clubs.

She also went each week to enjoy bingo with her son Robert at the various local clubs, according to her daughter Ms Julia Payne.

"After the passing of her son Robert two years ago, Gwen came to live at Hillview House Residential Aged Care in Woy Woy," she said.

"She has settled in well to her new home, really appreciates the care she receives and continues to make the most of each day.

"Gwen's secret to a happy and contented life has always been to care for others and to help whenever possible and to appreciate the simple joys of life.

"Gwen especially enjoys jive music and with the support of her walker still enjoys a little dance.

"We had a special luncheon at a friend's home on her 100th birthday.

"A few days earlier, we had a special afternoon tea with her eldest son, Bruce, who is in care at Bateau Bay.

"There she opened her special congratulatory cards from King Charles, the Prime Minister and Premier so that he could also join in."

SOURCE:

Media release, 24 Jun 2025
Maggie McGrath, Hillview House



Last 'V-set' train passes through Woy Woy station

The last of the trains that have served the Central Coast for 55 years passed through Woy Woy station at 10:34pm on Friday, June 27.

The "V-set" trains ran from Sydney to the Central Coast every day since June 1970.

They ran from Sydney to Newcastle from 1984.

Altogether, they were estimated to have travelled 140 million kilometres.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "The old V-set carriages have been a mainstay on the Central Coast and Newcastle line over the years, carrying generations of passengers to and from Sydney.

"I'd like to take a moment to say thank you to the workers who originally built the V-set trains, as well as those who have lovingly maintained and updated them for so long.

"I know many of our fantastic train drivers, guards and transport teams have safely transported our community over the years in the V-set services.

"The V-set have served our community well for many years, but in saying goodbye to the V-sets we welcome the Mariyung fleet



with accessibility at front of mind.

"Millions of passengers travel on the Central Coast and Newcastle line every year, and I am thrilled that the Mariyungs will provide a more comfortable, accessible, and safe service for all.

"The retirement of the 21 stainless steel, double-deck trains allows the full implementation of the 10-carriage Mariyung trains, providing a more spacious cabin, more comfortable seating, accessible toilets, charging ports and many more security and safety features."

The final V-set service to Newcastle departed Central Station at 9.20pm Friday and arrived at Newcastle shortly after midnight Saturday, passing

through Woy Woy at 10:34pm.

Ms Tesch said: "The V-sets were built in Granville by Commonwealth Engineering – known as Comeng – between 1970 and 1989 and were described as 'the most luxurious commuter stock in the world' when they hit the tracks.

"By June 30, 19 Mariyung trains will have entered service and be fully deployed on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line, with all 38 local stations able to accommodate a longer 10-car configuration.

"The Mariyung has extra leg room, high seat backs, tray tables for laptops and charging ports for mobile devices.

"The Minns Labor Government is committed to returning rail manufacturing, recently launching industry engagement for the Future Fleet Program, which is seeking to revive domestic manufacturing, create thousands of jobs and boost the economy."

V-sets will continue to run on the Blue Mountains line before they are replaced by Mariyungs.

The South Coast line will get Mariyungs following their introduction to the Blue Mountains.

SOURCE:

Media release, 27 Jun 2025
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford
Photos: Mark Ellis

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Council requested not to take compliance action

Central Coast Council have received a request not to take compliance action for unauthorised work carried out at 20 Kahibah Rd, Umina Beach.

The unauthorised work involves the construction of sandstone retaining walls and large amounts of fill on "riparian lands" adjoining Ettalong Creek at the rear of the property.

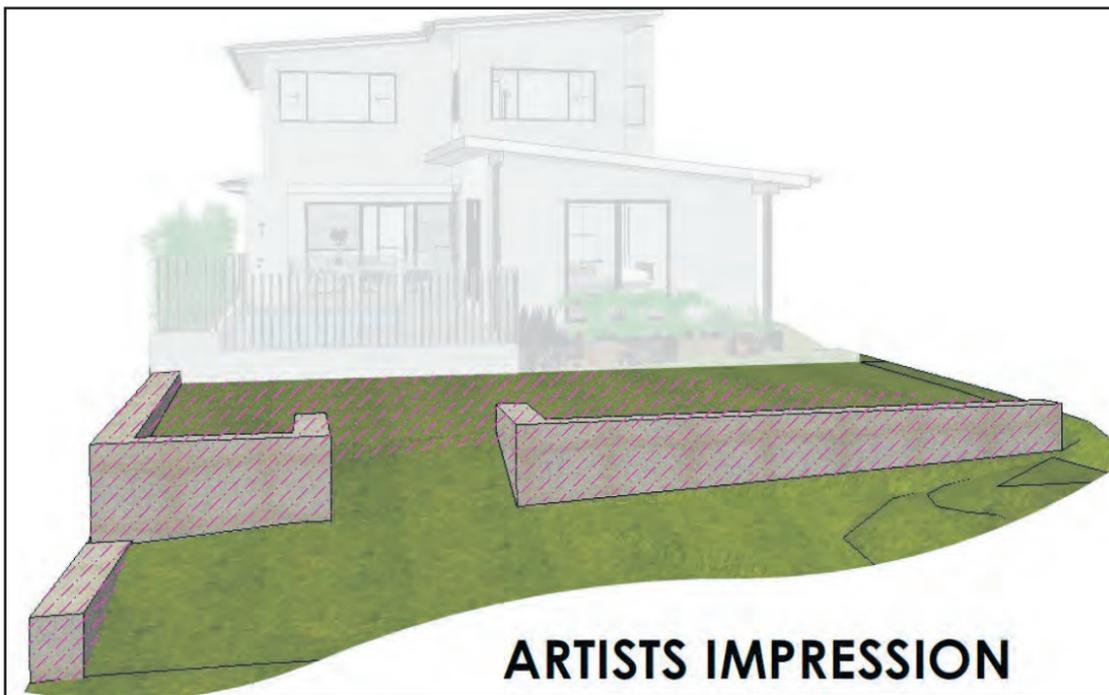
The details are contained in a Building Information Certificate (BC/154/2025) currently on exhibition for public comment on the Council's portal.

According to the NSW Dept of Planning and Environment, "A Building Information Certificate does not approve or legitimise unauthorised building works, instead a BIC provides assurance that a council will not take certain compliance actions relating to those unauthorised works."

The "actions" may result in the unauthorised work having to be demolished and restored to a previous state.

NSW Planning states that "It (a BIC) is usually requested by buyers or sellers of property before settlement to make sure that the building being bought or sold is not going to be the subject of compliance action by council."

The only documents included in the public exhibition for BC/154/2025 are two sheets of drawings purporting to show the extent of the unauthorised work.



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It is now up to the council to decide, as stated by NSW Planning; "whether development consent would have been granted had consent been sought for the building".

The fact that the work is unauthorised will not be considered as part of the assessment.

NSW Planning states: "The proper approach to be taken is to leave to the criminal law the punishment of the unlawful conduct and to determine the BIC application on its merits".

If the BIC application is refused by council, the applicant

may appeal to the Lands and Environment Court.

The percentage of successful appeals against BIC refusal is about 75 per cent.

However the actual number of such cases over the last two years is very low so this statistic may be misleading.

In the case of 20 Kahibah Rd, there was an approved development application, DA/1122/2024, "For the construction of a new dwelling, swimming pool, driveway and associated landscaping on a vacant lot."

The drawings and documentation for DA/1122/2024 do not mention or show any retaining walls or fill.

In fact the Statement of Environmental Effects prepared by Vaughan Milligan Development Consulting Pty Ltd for that applications makes the unequivocal statement: "The proposal will not require any cut or fill to accommodate the new works."

A submission from the public at the time suggested that it was most important that sediment be prevented from entering the flood

storage area and creek reserve.

This was answered in the council assessment with the statement: "The consent will be conditioned to prevent any environmental impacts from the development."

"An erosion and sediment control condition is included in the consent."

The original site plan supplied with DA/1122/2024 in the vicinity of the new walls show relative levels at existing ground level of 3.4m to 3.8m in the vicinity of the new retaining walls.

The "as built" drawings show the top of the retaining walls at relative level 4.9m, indicating that large amounts of fill may have been added.

In February 2025, the private certifier for the application was alerted by a member of the public that tree protection measures had not been complied with, retaining walls had been built and large amounts of fill placed on the lot, the 1:100 flood zone and the public reserve.

The certifier issued a notice to the owners to fix all non compliant issues within two weeks and when this was not done notified the council.

The owners have now applied for BC/154/2025, which is currently on public exhibition and open for written submissions from the public until June 7.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 29 Jun 2025
BC/154/2025, Central Coast Council

Work starts on Blackwall Rd intersection upgrades

Transport for NSW has started a \$19 million project to upgrade a series of intersections along Blackwall Rd and McMasters Rd.

Work has started at the intersection of Memorial Ave and Barrenjoey Rd, initially with work on the watermain, according to a statement on the department's website.

Night work will occur over the next three weeks from 7pm to 5am Saturday to Thursday.

Further work at the intersection is expected to continue for about a year, with working hours from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday.

Traffic control and a 40km/h speed limit is expected to be in

place. A site compound is being established at the Hood St end of Kitchener Park for use during this period.

When completed the intersection will: "Provide dual right turn lanes from Maitland Bay Dr onto Memorial Ave, separate left and right turn lanes out of Gallipoli Ave onto Memorial Ave, and prevent right turns from Memorial Ave into Gallipoli Ave."

It will take land from Blackwall Mountain to provide the facility.

Work as part of the project is planned for two other sites along Blackwall Rd.

"The project is expected to take about two years to complete."

Work at the intersection of Blackwall Rd and McMasters Rd

will follow immediately.

The plan for the Blackwall Rd intersections with Allfield and Farnell Rds "is currently being reviewed".

"We will update the community when this has been finalised and will commence consultation if required."

"The upgrade of this intersection will be the final stage of work for the project."

"We expect to use the site compound intermittently for the broader Blackwall Rd intersection upgrades and anticipate being in the area for up to two years."

According to the statement: "We will keep the community updated as work progresses."

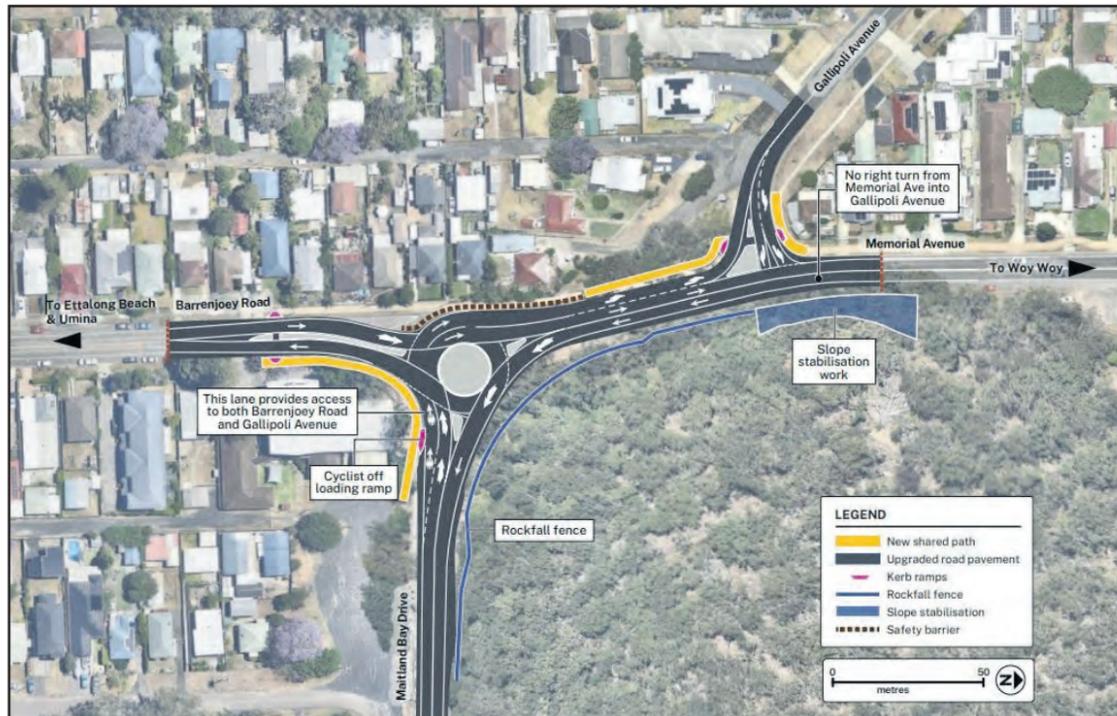
However, it appears that this may only be available to people who write to projects@transport.nsw.gov.au asking to be placed

on the email distribution list for the project.

While Peninsula News is routinely sent media releases by Transport for NSW, no media releases have been received about this project.

More details are available online at <http://penne.ws/hZM7lh>

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Jun 2025
Transport for NSW



Whale rescuers praised

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has paid tribute to crews who disentangled a whale near Lion Island on Monday, June 23.

The crews from the Organisation for the Rescue and Research of Cetaceans (ORRCA) and the National Parks and Wildlife Service worked to free a whale whale tangled in a net.

“That rescue is ahead of this weekend’s whale census—organised thanks to ORRCA—on the east coast of Australia,”

Ms Tesch said in a Community Recognition Statement in State Parliament.

“The citizen science event encourages the public to observe and record whale activity along the New South Wales coastline, contributing to marine conservation efforts.

“The census has been running for a number of years, with over 5000 whales spotted in 2023, which was a really calm year.”

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Jun 2025
Hansard, NSW Parliament



Upgrades to solve flooding at Ettalong Bowling Club

Flooding of the Ettalong Bowling Club carpark will soon become a thing of the past, according to chief executive Mr Tim McGavin.

Mr McGavin said the club had just received approval to proceed with its redevelopment plans designed to “enhance the overall member and guest experience”.

These include significant upgrades to the club’s parking facilities.

“One of the major challenges the club has faced over the years is persistent flooding during heavy rain events,” said Mr McGavin.

“These works are designed to resolve that issue once and for all.

“A completely new in-ground drainage system will be installed to manage stormwater more effectively and protect the site from future flood impacts.

“This vital infrastructure investment will ensure safer, more reliable access to the club year-round, particularly for our senior patrons and families.”

The Club’s master plan includes a revitalised bistro and cafe precinct, he said.

“Designed by Dacca Architecture, the new spaces blend warmth, familiarity, and coastal character with contemporary design finishes that reflect the spirit of the local area.

“A fresh new menu will be introduced, featuring weekly roast and carvery stations, handcrafted

pizzas, and all the classic club favourites members know and love.

“The space has been completely transformed to cater to a range of dining moods and group sizes.

“Sunlit alfresco lounges opposite the cafe provide the perfect setting to relax with friends or enjoy a quiet coffee.”

He said the kitchen facilities would also be upgraded.

“Ettalong Bowling Club is proud to be undertaking a major expansion of its facilities to better serve our valued members and the wider community,” said Mr McGavin.

“With an approved development application in place, staged upgrades will deliver a new suite of function spaces, state-of-the-art bowling facilities, modern lounge areas, and a vibrant new food precinct supported by upgraded back-of-house infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the club.

“Dacca Architecture has been working closely with the Ettalong

Bowling Club team.

The new plan will take advantage of the club’s natural outlook and provide child-friendly areas.

Mr McGavin said the new design paid tribute to the club’s rich history and the surrounding coastal landscape.

“The new interiors will feature finishes and textures that evoke the tones of local bays and bushland.

“These works are about honouring that legacy while introducing thoughtful, future-focused improvements.”

Mr McGavin said the club hoped to minimise disruption during the redevelopment.

However, some will be unavoidable.

For example, “a portion of the car park may be temporarily unavailable during the construction period.”

“We ask our members for understanding and support.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Jun 2025
Tim McGavin, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club



Injured pelican rescued by Clean4Shore

It was a bitterly cold and windy morning on Brisbane Waters for students from Woy Woy campus finding the sheltered foreshores along Blackwall

The first task was to release an injured pelican, entangled in fishing line and hooks penetrating its body, said co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

“Students, supporting teachers and Clean4shore rescued this pelican with two fish hooks embedded in a wing and breast with fishing line entangled and wrapped around the wing,” he said.

“With plenty of care, the pelican was cooperative and released by our team.”

“Pelican Lady” Ms Wendy Gillespie was contacted to follow up on the bird’s recovery.

“Two craft were removed along this foreshore with a fallen tree crushing the stern of a tinny and damaging the bow of the old fibreglass kayak,” said Mr

Johnston.

“Crossing the waterway under the Rip Bridge, a full bag of small litter was removed from Fishermans Bay plus several drums and buckets.

Calmer waters around the corner in Rileys Bay with a falling tide made possible the recovery of oyster product, carpet, more crates and poles with the students pushing the barge clear of surfacing rocks.

Assistance was provided to a local oyster grower with the students bailing out water from his work pontoon, which was close to sinking.

It was a slow cold trip back to Lions Park.

Warm again after a big healthy lunch, 220kg of rubbish was offloaded at Woy Woy Tip.

Mr Johnston said sightings of injured pelicans should be reported to Ms Gillespie on 0458 975 498.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2025
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

Blackwall couple wins \$100,000 lottery

A Blackwall couple on holiday in the Philippines has won a \$100,000 lottery.

The couple won first prize in Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot draw 11011, drawn Tuesday June

24.

There winning entry of two random numbers was purchased on The Lott website.

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Jun 2025
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Health



Hospital doctors and staff in Bay run

Staff, doctors and supporters from Brisbane Waters Private Hospital have been part of a team which represented the HealthCare team in the Bay to Bay Running Festival on

Sunday, June 15.

Along with colleagues from Gosford Private Hospital and Tuggerah Lakes Private Hospital, they raised funds for local charities, while raising awareness for better

health.

Beneficiaries were Central Coast Kids in Need, The Glen Rehab and Breakaway.

SOURCE:

Social media, 16 Jun 2025
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Hospital seeks consumer representatives

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital is currently seeking voluntary consumer representatives for its Medication Safety, Infection Prevention and Control, and Clinical Care committees.

"Expressions of interest are now open for consumers who are interested in informing the direction of the future of Brisbane Waters Private Hospital," said risk and quality manager Ms Rachel Horth.

"The consumer representative will work with the committees to evaluate, plan and monitor our health service provision."

She said a consumer was defined as someone who had previously used, was currently using or in the future was likely to use the services provided by the hospital.

"Brisbane Waters Private Hospital is committed to enhancing

our services through consumer engagement.

"This is a volunteer role that ensures that consumer's needs rights and concerns are considered in decision making processes."

She said the representatives must have had experience of private hospital services and must not be a current employee of HealthCare.

They must show enthusiasm for active involvement in quality improvement and be able to attend scheduled meetings a minimum of four times a year.

The hospital would provide orientation about the hospital and the committees, as well as about the roles and responsibilities of the consumer representative.

Anyone interested should email Ms Horth at rachel.horth@healthcare.com.au.

SOURCE:

Social media, 24 Jun 2025
Rachel Horth, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

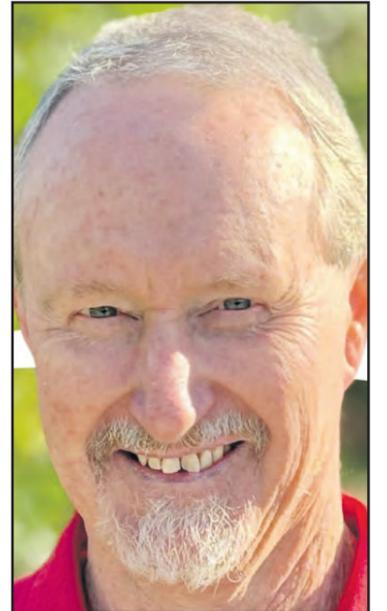
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Jeff brings joy to aged care

Aged care volunteer Mr Jeff Pratt is described as a familiar face, a big personality, and a vital part of life at a local aged care facility.

"For the past four years, Jeff has generously given his time and heart to our community," said Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"He runs the Men's Group every Monday, drives residents on shopping trips and outings, delivers the papers, keeps our footy tipping competition alive, and always shows up in a themed shirt for every occasion.

"His energy, humour and kindness bring so much joy to our residents and staff alike."

SOURCE:

Social media, 20 Jun 2025
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Bank supports wide range of community initiatives

Thermal imaging for fire fighters, planting shade trees on the Peninsula and a community and business networking brunch are among community initiatives that have received support from a local bank.

The Community Bank Ettalong Beach is currently wanting to increase awareness of its role in the community.

For example, a recent grant from the Community Bank has enabled The Bays Brigade Rural Fire Service to purchase advanced thermal imaging technology.

The handheld device helps firefighters identify hotspots that may otherwise go undetected, allowing crews to target water use more precisely during both bushfires and structural fires.

Mounted at the front of the fire truck and ready to go, the thermal imager can be used during mop-up phases, when heat can remain hidden beneath the surface.

"It means we're not just spraying water blindly," explained Captain Stephen O'Donoghue.

"We can scan the area and know exactly where the heat is.

"That saves water, saves time, and ultimately, it can save lives."

It reduces the chances of flare-ups and re-ignition.

Community Bank Ettalong Beach co-chair Mr Michael Tame said the grant was part of the branch's ongoing commitment to reinvesting in local services that protect and strengthen the Peninsula.

The Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group has recently announced it has planted a total of 1000 trees.

The Community Bank claims a role in 530 of these.

"Since 2021, the team has planted 530 trees with our support, and that number doesn't even

include all the native shrubs and smaller trees added during community planting days in our local reserves," said Mr Tame.

"They've come a long way from planting tiny saplings.

"Thanks to our grant they can now spend more funds per tree, allowing them to purchase more advanced plants that have a head start."

Volunteers have helped at Paul St Reserve and Guyangil Park in Umina and BrisbaneWater High School students have helped with planting at Runway Park, Woy Woy.

"While it takes a few years for these trees to really shoot up, the true positive change for our environment will be amazing to see in 10 years' time.

The Community Bank also supported a free Community Networking Brunch held yesterday, Sunday, June 29, at The Ettalong hotel.

The morning included local trades and small businesses, live music and a sausage sizzle by the Woy Woy Roosters Junior Rugby League Football Club "It's all about celebrating local connections and supporting those who support our region," said Mr Tame.

"We love backing events like this because we believe in putting profits back into our community."

In the 2023-24 financial year, the branch reported contributing \$166,388 to local events and organisations.

These included organisations in Woy Woy: Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics, Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service, Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club, Woy Woy Rugby Union Club, Woy Woy Soccer Club, Woy Woy Women's RLFC, Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Everglades Country Club Men's and Women's Bowls Clubs, Everglades Country Club Women's Golf Club, and Mary Mac's Place.

In Umina, these included: Rotary Club of Umina Beach, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club, Umina Beach Men's Shed, Umina Beach Netball Club, Umina Community Group, Umina Junior RLFC and Umina United Soccer Club.

In Ettalong, these included: Ettalong Bowling Club, Ettalong Beach Bowling Fishing Club, Ettalong Public School, and the Vietnam Veterans Association.

Other recipients included: Brisbane Water Netball Club, Brisbane Water Secondary College, Crommelin Native Arboretum, Peninsula Community Men's Shed, Peninsula Environment Group, and Peninsula Junior Touch.

Pictured is The Bays Fire Brigade captain Mr Stephen O'Donoghue and community engagement officer Mr Dave Dessmann,.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Jun 2025
Jae Ewington-Tame, Community Bank Ettalong Beach



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Good and bad from the last Council meeting

The Council meeting on 23 June considered the key strategic documents for Council including the Community Strategic Planning (CSP).

The CSP is a plan that identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the next 10 years.

Due to the strong message from community consultation and submissions, Council staff recommended that the draft CSP be amended to include COSS (the Coastal Open Space System). This was a credit to everybody that took the time to make a submission. Thank you!

I was also pleased that I was successful in getting the documents changed to include "protection of the drinking water catchment" - another key priority for our community that was missing.

In addition, the budget for 2025/26 includes \$150,000 for a pilot program of urban greening in the Woy Woy / Peninsula area.

Why I voted against adoption of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents

The IP&R documents (over 540 pages in total) have significant implications for our community - including the CSP, Long Term Financial Plan, Fees and Charges and Operational Plan.

At the Council meeting, I requested that we consider each document separately. This would normally have been a routine request. However, the Liberal and Team Central Coast Councillors shut that down - forcing Councillors to vote on all documents in one block.

Although there were some wins - there were also items that I could not support as written without proper debate. This included a financial strategy that seeks to maintain a "temporary" rate increase that was introduced under the administrator.

The former Gosford Council building - what do you think?

The State government has now made it clear that they have no interest in the former Gosford Council building for TAFE or any other purpose.

In December 2022, the Administrator resolved that if the sale to TAFE didn't proceed - the CEO was authorised to sell it without Councillors having a say.



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Police seek help with arson

NSW Police Arson Unit detectives have released closed circuit television footage, with an appeal for public information about an arson attack in Ettalong last August.

The footage was released following investigations of a fire at a Marrickville restaurant on Friday, May 30.

Police are appealing for information to locate a man they believe may have information about both arsons.

The man is described as being of Mediterranean or Middle Eastern appearance, about 185cm tall and of medium build.

The man has black, curly, shoulder length hair, and wears glasses.

He was also seen driving a grey Toyota Hilux at a nearby service



station around the time of the Ettalong arson.

Anyone with information about the identity of the man or either incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Jun 2025
NSW Police Media

Forum

New pre-school rules designed to avoid public scrutiny

There are many calls for “more transparency” by parents and members of the community in the case of the new public pre-school planned for the grounds of Umina Beach Public School.

However, by choosing to seek planning approval as a “complying development”, rather than going through the development application process, this is precisely what the Education Department avoids.

In 2021, the NSW State Government decided that development applications were getting bogged down in “red tape” and “lengthy approval processes”.

The answer seemed obvious to them: Remove neighbours and the community from the decision-making process.

This was initially actioned by means of State Environmental Planning Policy 2021 (Housing) better known as the Housing SEPP.

Changes were introduced that meant that, providing a planning application complies with standard design requirements, a new dwelling can be approved either by the council or a private certifier with the immediate issue of a Complying Development Certificate.

There is no provision in this process for the community to have input in the approval process.

The use of complying development has gradually expanded, one example being with new pre-schools.

Apparently anticipating resistance to its roll-out of its program to put new public preschools in the grounds of

existing schools, the State Government announced last April that “The NSW Government has amended the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP to help speed up the delivery of essential education infrastructure.”

Among other things, the provisions specifically enable new preschools to be approved in either existing public school buildings or build new buildings in school grounds using the Complying Development Certificate process.

While it states that neighbours and parents must be “consulted”, this is primarily an information-sharing exercise, not a formal opportunity for the community to make submissions or objections.

In Greater Sydney neighbours must be notified at least 14 days in advance before such a certificate can be issued.

However that does not apply to the Central Coast.

No notification is required whatsoever prior to it being issued.

The only mandatory notice that applies on the Central Coast is for neighbours to be told two days before actual construction starts.

So if this application for the preschool is made as a complying development, the first notice that parents and most of the community may get is when the bulldozers turn up!

While the education authorities may well advise the community when the Certificate is issued, under the current rules they are not obliged to do so.

The only way that parents, neighbours and the community could have any meaningful say in this decision is if the application were to be made as an ordinary

development application rather than as a complying development.

This would mean that the application would have to go on public exhibition.

Members of the public could make written submissions and it could be amended by the regulatory planners.

If 10 or more unique objections were received, the application would be sent to the Local Planning Panel for a decision.

The Education Department could choose to take this course.

However, this seems unlikely unless the community can convince the Department to do so, either directly or through councillors and members of State Parliament.

SOURCE:
Email, 28 Jun 2025
Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy



Unnecessary preschool carpark threatens canopy trees

As someone who lives locally, I am very concerned about the suggestion that a car park is required on the site of the proposed Pre-School at Umina Beach Public School.

At this site at Umina Beach Public School, several valuable trees are under threat for this project.

If the Council staff engaged with this project could decide not to install the car park on the school grounds, we could save at least three valuable canopy and shade-producing trees.

Remember in Western Sydney when a parent drove into the staff car park and a child in the kindergarten room was killed?

Do we want to see this happen again?

There is nearby parking in

Hobart Ave (off Ocean Beach Rd). I park here to pick up my grandchildren with a short walk across the road to the school.

There is parking in Melbourne Ave and Sydney Ave and the Umina Beach Surf Club.

Do we really need any more asphalt?

Shouldn't we be encouraging a walk to school?

A car park beside the pre-school is just for drop off and pick up leaving the car park empty for the rest of the day, absorbing heat, radiating heat, taking up precious playground.

Pre-school teachers can park in nearby car parks just as our primary school teachers currently do.

As a Grow Urban Shade Trees (GUST) group founder, I am aware of how hard this team works on tree retention and how vital it is

that we not lose canopy trees.

In the Peninsula area, we already have residents removing trees and asphalt their verge without any consultation with council.

We are already one of the hottest suburbs on the Central Coast.

Let's not add to this.

A heat emitting asphalt car park is not for these times of global warming.

Let's be smart and think sustainably with heat reduction measures.

Saving the trees reduces the urban heat, and provides amenity and a shaded space for school children.

Care for their health and well-being.

SOURCE:
Email, 28 Jun 2025
Debbie Sunartha, Umina

Oversight of tree planting program needed

I refer to the Mayor's message and the advice “we've allocated \$150,000 to a tree planting program on the Peninsula”.

Does the Mayor expect hearty congratulations when the heat island effect has been an issue going back decades?

This matter needs constant monitoring by residents and community groups going forward for reasons obvious.

It is well known that local group Grow Urban Shade Trees has been hindered by the council in respect of its programs.

Will the council change the rules to meet its hyperbole?

What will be the council's inflated costs to complete this action?

I recently observed a GUST volunteer maintaining a newly-

planted specimen, without the need of council vehicles and required staff.

What is the cost to GUST and the cost to the council for the same task?

GUST does not have staff numbers of 2434, like council.

Therefore its communication network is not overloaded with supervisors and managers more concerned with administration compliance than the health and welfare of residents.

The heat island effect has been a common objection to DAs, does the council's turnaround mean that increasing temperatures on the Peninsula due to approved DA's has been ignored in the assessment of DA's?

SOURCE:
Letter, 26 Jun 2025
N Harris, Umina



Twins meet for 80th birthday

Ross Cameron of Woy Woy and his twin sister Rosalind turned 80 on Monday, June 23.

“They enjoyed their birthdays at the Gosford Hotel, with their eldest living sister, Fay Letby of St Georges Basin, aged 91,” said his

daughter Ms Brooke Cameron.

“Dad has lived at Woy Woy since the age of eight,” she said.

He was widely known as “Roscoe Cameron the Plumber”.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Jun 2025
Brooke Cameron, Gosford

Pearl Beach history on sale

The Pearl Beach Progress Association is to reprint a history of Pearl Beach to commemorate the Kings Birthday honour for its author Dr Beverley Kingston.

Dr Kingston was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for her service to community history and tertiary education.

The association will sell her book Pearl Beach and Progress: The Story of a Community and an Ideal 1929-2009.

Proceeds of sales at \$20 each will go towards maintenance of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"The book was written to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Pearl Beach Progress Association," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"The book explains how Pearl Beach came to be established.

"The Progress Association was formed more or less as it was possible to buy land here, so its history parallels that of the area.

"Several estates on the Woy Woy Peninsula were developed after World War 1 by the Staples family, with the first land registered in 1927 and the first house built soon after.

"Pearl Beach continued as a

fishing camp into the 1930s.

"Today Pearl Beach is known for spectacular scenic and environmental qualities set in a small, friendly, caring community which enjoys living in the middle of a national park, Brisbane Water National Park, and Broken Bay."

Dr Kingston was a committee member of Pearl Beach Progress Association from 2017 to 2021.

The book may be purchased by emailing pearlbeachprogress.org.au or phoning 4344 2319. Cash or card accepted for payment.

SOURCE:

Media release, 24 Jun 2025
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association,

Little Theatre production to open in renovated theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre has opened bookings for its next season, which will take place in a renovated Peninsula Theatre.

"The day after the last play finished the workers moved in," said box office manager Mr Graham Vale.

"Out went the old seats and carpet.

"We are now back in and the seats look fantastic.

"There are also more accessibility seats available.

"So after new silent air conditioning at the beginning of the year, it's like a brand new experience."

The Little Theatre's next production will be Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike by Christopher Durang.

"We have been wanting to bring this Tony Award best play to you for years," said Mr Vale. "Finally, in one month it opens."

It will open on Friday, July 25,

with 10 performances over three weekends.

"Christopher Durang is known for his outrageous comedies that, underneath the absurdity, have profound searches for optimism and connection with others.

"The story told by the endearingly eccentric characters in this play show us why Durang is a member of the American Theater Hall of Fame."

Directed by Terry Collins, the cast includes Andy Kabanoff as Vanya, Darienne Knight as Sonia, Yvonne Berry-Porter as Masha, Chris Cherry as Cassandra, Alicia Medbury as Nina and Jake Cain-Roser as Spike.

Stage manager will be Fran Armstrong. Tech and lighting designer will be Lloyd Grounds. Assistant director will be Terry Mathews, and set designer will be Stephen Pembroke.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Jun 2025
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Patchwork group members show quilts

The patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre have displayed progress on members' quilts.

One had "gorgeous bargello blocks started in a recent workshop", said tutor Ms Penny Howard.

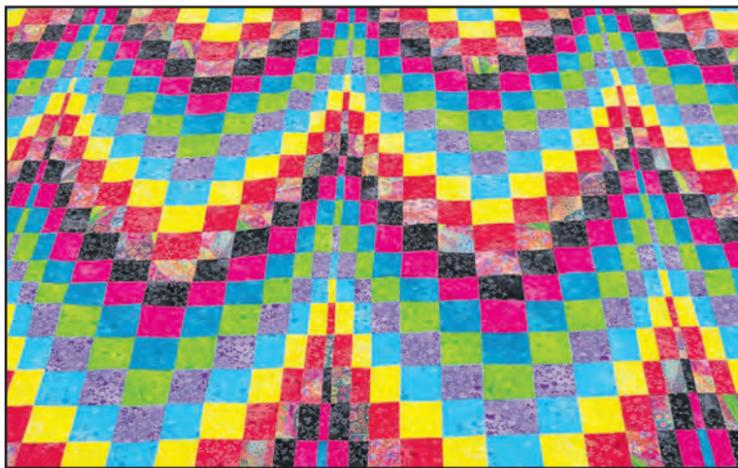
"They are so bright and vibrant."

Two sashiko quilts were also shown.

"They are both so beautiful and show a flair for design."

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Jun 2025
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre



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Education



Evacuation practice at Woy Woy South

Woy Woy South Public School had evacuation practice on Friday, June 27.

"We are so proud of all our

students who quickly but sensibly made their way out to the oval under the direction of the teachers," said principal Mr Matt Barr. "Within 10 minutes everyone

was back in classrooms continuing their learning."

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Jun 2025
Woy Woy South Public School



Students learn about organisms and cells

Science students at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have been learning about unicellular and multicellular organisms and specialised cells.

They have been practicing their microscopy skills by looking at prepared specimens and microscopes slides, as well as collecting their own specimens to prepare and observe.

Others have been learning about chemical reactions and the signs to look for when they occur.

Practical experiments have been conducted with the classes so they can observe first hand changes in temperature and colour, production of gas and light, and the formation of a precipitate.



SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jun 2025
BWSC Umina

Feast Day held at St John's

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School celebrated the Feast Day of Saint John the Baptist on Tuesday, June 24.

"The day began with mixed age group learnings and activities

in classrooms, centred around the life of Saint John the Baptist, the Patron Saint of our school community," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"This was followed by outdoor activity rotations on the sunny

school oval, and a beautiful school mass led by Fr Timothy Raj.

The day included a sausage sizzle lunch and a treat stall.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2025
SJB Catholic Primary School



Variety night held at Woy Woy campus

Brisbane Water Secondary College held its Variety Night 2025 at Woy Woy campus on Wednesday, June 25

Campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper described the night as "a spectacular showcase of music, drama, dance, and creative

arts from our incredibly talented students across both campuses".

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2025
BWSC Woy Woy

College student is ranked world fifth in kickboxing

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Sandon Stuart has officially earned the title of fifth in the world for his age division in kickboxing.

In June, he travelled to Europe to compete in the Hungarian World Cup for Kickboxing, one of the most prestigious events on the global calendar where he gained the ranking.

Sandon is now training hard to become National Champion; a dream he's been chasing for years.

Sandon is recognised as a gifted and high performing athlete at the college.



SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jun 2025
BWSC Woy Woy

Touch football teams play in Roger's Park gala day

Woy Woy South touch football teams played in the Primary Schools Sports Association Gala Day at Roger's Park on Friday, June 20.

The girls team had a fantastic first game against Woy Woy Public School and came away with a 6-4 win.

In the second round, they took on Umina Public School for another

competitive game, but Umina won the game 5-nil.

The boys' team had their first game against Woy Woy Public School, taking out the win with a final score of 11-1.

They then faced Ettalong Public School in an exciting decider and secured their spot in the next round with a 7-3 win.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2025
Woy Woy South Public School

Award to assistant principal

An assistant principal at Woy Woy South Public School, Ms Michelle Reid, has received an award from the executive director of the Department of Education Regional North.

The Executive Director's Award was for her outstanding work as Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jun 2025
Woy Woy South Public School



Learning Community launches Academy

The Brisbane Water Learning Community has launched its Futures Academy for High Performing Athletes at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College on Friday, July 20.

The Learning Community comprises Brisbane Water Secondary College and its five feeder primary schools: Woy Woy Public School, Woy Woy South Public School, Ettalong Public School, Umina Beach Public School and Empire Bay Public School.

The vision of the academy is "to offer high-performance opportunities within the public education system".

"We are committed to creating an environment where young athletes can develop their skills, achieve their athletic goals and maintain strong academic foundations - all while staying connected to their community.

"By providing access to top-tier coaching, training and support, we aim to help students thrive and develop holistically."

Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper said: "At the heart of the academy is a bold

vision that public education can provide world-class opportunities.

"Through elite coaching, wellbeing support, leadership development and academic guidance, and all free of charge, we are investing in the full potential of our students.

The launch was addressed by international athletes including Australian Rugby 7's champion Faith Nathan and Olympic-level boxer Satali Tevi-Fuimaono.

"Their stories showed our students that greatness can come from here: from our schools, our streets, and our community."

The Futures Academy program director Ms Kimberley Grant and its program lead Mr Sam Quick spoke about the program.

Ms Cooper said that "in the unity of our educational leaders, from early years through to senior schooling, our principals will collaborate closely to lift outcomes for all".

"The launch brought together school leaders, local businesses, sports clubs, industry professionals and political representatives."

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2025
BWSC Woy Woy



Triples final played on sunny morning

The final of the Everglades Club Championship Triples was contested on Sunday, June 22.

On a bright sunny winter's morning, the team of Brian Dolan, Graham Durnford and Tom Cain started brilliantly and led all the way to win 28-18.

After just five ends, the team led their opponents, John Gibbon, Peter Gaffel and Andrew McDonald, by 12 shots to two.

They maintained their lead through to the finishing score of 28-18.

This concludes the club's 2024-25 teams competition.

The Minor Singles is currently underway.

Pictured are Graham Durnford, Tom Cain and Brian Dolan.



SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Jun 2025

John McInnes, Everglades Men's Bowls

Woy Woy Lions to play Texas Rattlesnakes

The Woy Woy Rugby Club will play an international game at Woy Woy Oval at 7pm on Wednesday, July 2.

The Woy Woy Lions will play the Texas Rattlesnakes.

The curtain raiser to the main game will be played by the Woy Woy Opens 18 team against the Dee Why Lions at 6pm.

The game should be a great

event for Peninsula families and local rugby supporters, according to the club's culture and capability manager Mr Mike Begg.

"Come along and see how we go against this international team from USA."

The canteen will be open.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Jun 2025
Mike Begg, Woy Woy Rugby Club



Championship for novice and rookie pairs

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has held its Championship for Novice and Rookie Pairs.

Fourteen pairs signed up for the championship which was fought out over June 18 and 25.

Carolynne Mucharsky and Caroline Nichols had a good win with a five per cent buffer at the close of play.

Their results were consistent with scores in the 60 per cent range each week.

Next were Denyse Stephens and John Drew (second) and Jenni Murray and Susan Ashley (third).

The Rookie Championship was also part of this event and was taken out by Jude and Michael Hall.

Peter Hume officiated over the event.

Novice Pairs Overall results were;

1 Carolynne Mucharsky, Caroline Nichols 362.9 (63.00 per cent), 0.76 points.

2 Denyse Stephens, John Drew

331.4 (57.53), 0.53.

3 Spider Redgold, Wendy Byrne 330.4 (57.36), 0.38.

4 Susan Ashley, Jenni Murray 322.6 (56.01), 0.25.

5 Judith Lambkin, Jennifer Tebb 293.3 (50.93), 0.19.

6 Jude Hall, Michael Hall 287.2 (49.86), 0.15.

7 Karen Jamieson, Annette Clarke 286.2 (49.69), 0.13.

8 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 283.7 (49.26).

9 Annie Creasey, Julie Barker 270.2 (46.91).

10 Roz Harvey, Vickie Betts 269.2 (46.73).

11 Margaret Hockley, Ros Lunday 261.2 (45.35).

12 Robyn Smith, Adi Jones 256.2 (44.48).

13 Debra Coulson, Mark Mannion 236.5 (41.06).

14 Roz Laws, Suzanne Rochester 233.1 (40.48).

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2025
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Futsal teams finish fourth

Both the open girls and open boys futsal teams have finished fourth in the NSW Futsal School Championships.

Their opposition included Central Coast Sports College, Narrabeen Sports High, Asquith Boys and Narara Valley High.

The boys' team came fourth overall and made it to the semi finals.

The girls' team finished equal fourth, but missed the semis by a goal-count difference of two.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Jun 2025
BWSC Woy Woy

Southern and Ettalong defeats Killarney Vale

Southern and Ettalong United has defeated Killarney Vale 2-0 in Round 10 of Men's Premier League soccer.

Southern welcomed Killarney Vale to a bumpy James Browne Oval on Sunday, June 22, with the visitors looking to upset the ladder leaders and stay in touch with the top four.

The Lions started the match well, mounting a few early raids on the Terrier's backline resulting in comfortable saves for Declan Drake in goal.

It would only take 10 minutes for Southern to get the match's opening goal.

An interception from Matt Page in defence found the attacking run of Jack Ellwood.

Ellwood managed to head the ball first time to Noah Ajala who returned the ball on top of the box.

Ellwood took his first touch on goal and was able to slot the ball into the bottom corner.

Ellwood had chances to double the lead in the 14th and 20th minute, but wayward shooting would keep the attacker at bay.

Killarney's first real attempt on goal in the 22nd minute saw Dane Johnson save the near post effort from Lucas Dominello.

Ten minutes later a good chance for SEU went begging, thanks to

good defending from Killarney's Callum McIntosh.

Before halftime after a great play by Southern and Ettalong United and a great ball from Alfie Martin found Ellwood who couldn't get a good connection with the shot.

The opening five minutes of the second half saw Killarney's best chance of the match, with the ball squared across the face but Ackerley could not get onto it.

At the 60-minute mark, Southern eventually doubled their advantage.

Jacob Lepre put Matthew Jacobsen in on goal as Killarney's Declan Drake would come off his line to meet Jacobson in a 50-50.

The tackle would fall perfectly into the path of Jack Ellwood who would tap home into an empty net for his brace, giving Southern a 2-0 lead.

A deep free kick from Lepre 72 minutes into the contest saw Ellwood almost clinch his hat-trick, but his header narrowly missed the bottom corner.

SEU comfortably ran out the game for their eighth win in nine games.

Match official was Danny Horstead.

SOURCE:
Website, 23 Jun 2025
Central Coast Football



Funday Monday bowls at Everglades

Everglades Bowling Club held its annual Funday Monday on Monday, June 16.

"We had 26 teams with 78 bowlers from clubs all over the Coast on a glorious day to play bowls," said organiser Ms Vicki Redrup.

Teams represented included Avoca, Breakers, Gwandalan, Ettalong, Umina, Halekulani and Bateau Bay, as well as Everglades.

The event was won by the Everglades side of Val Davey, Sue O'Connor and Elaine Vincent.

The Ettalong team of Sheena Black, Judy King and Trish Eckford

came second.

In third place were Sue Perdiam, Kim Trethewy and Margaret Hickman.

"Everyone came with a smile on their face and happiness in their heart," said Ms Redrup.

"All teams played in great spirit and wonderful friendship."

Lucky Cards winners were: Julie Giles, Diane Reynolds and Yok Milne (Avoca); Sue Turner, Karen Jones and Carol Manning (Gwandalan).

Spider winners were: Susan Coulton (Everglades) and Sandra Medhurst (Everglades).

"Lyn Lalor, Pat Bray and

Geraldine Baxter did a fabulous job of organising the morning tea, table decorations, raffles and lunch.

"Elaine Vincent and Valerie Pellew Davey organised a successful 100 and 50 club.

"The day went smoothly with the efforts from the match committee, in particular Josie Goodwin and Karen Eagleson.

"Our umpire Kevin Hughes was busy all day with many calls from the two greens."

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Jun 2025
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club



Country club offers golfing wheelchair

The Everglades Country Club will offer its members a "Paragolfer", an all-terrain, motorised wheelchair designed to help people with physical disabilities play golf.

"Its standout feature is a standing function that supports users in an upright position, allowing a more natural golf swing," said Country Club general manager Mr Ross

Seabrook.

"It's stable on grass and slopes, making golf courses accessible while promoting independence and inclusion in the sport.

"We're excited to offer the Paragolfer to our golf members on the first Tuesday of every month starting on August 5."

Bookings may be made with Pro Shop staff on 4341 3399.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jun 2025
Everglades Country Club

Bowling club runs prostate cancer day

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held its annual Ron Pursehouse Prostate Cancer Charity Day on Wednesday, June 25.

Member Ian Jarratt "masterminded" the event, according to club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

Members and businesses donated prizes.

Merrylands RSL and Club Umina donated a popular week's holiday at Forster, which was won by Sandra and Martin O'Mally.

Sets of fresh water pearls were won by Geoff Godwin and by Steve Moss.

The Herkimer Diamond 60cm necklet and bracelet were won by Gary Yates.

Gwen Jarratt, Joan Murphy and



Kerry Yates managed the raffle and sold tickets.

Local real estate agent Damien McPherson ran the auction.

The 100 Club, Lemons and the Fishos groups all made donations.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jun 2025
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Leisure Centre facilities to be renovated

The bathroom and change room facilities in the pool complex of the Peninsula Leisure Centre are being renovated.

The leisure pool, Learn to Swim pool, program pool, spa-sauna-steam rooms in our pool hall will be closed for initial demolition and "noisy work" until July 14, according to an announcement by

the Leisure Centre.

All Learn to Swim lessons will be cancelled.

Squads and Swim Fit will still run to program timetable and will be held in the 50m pool.

All Aqua Fitness classes will be temporarily moved to the 50m pool.

The 50m pool will remain open with minimal interruptions.

During the renovation period, change rooms under the grandstand will be available.

Additionally, the gym change rooms will remain accessible.

Completion of all works is expected within an additional 12 weeks.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jun 2025
Peninsula Leisure Centre